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FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY TO PRESIDENTIAL PARTY: RON NESSEN;  
PETER RODMAN AND DAVID GOMPERT FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER;  
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PRESIDENT' FAR EAST TRIP--IV (TAKE ONE OF THREE)

FOLLOWING IS A REPORT OF FOREIGN MEDIA REACTION AS OF 12  
NOON, EST, NOVEMBER 21, 1974, PREPARED BY USIA:

SUMMARY:

THE FOREIGN PRESS THURSDAY CONCENTRATED ON THE JOINT  
COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN TOKYO, STATING THAT U.S.-JAPANESE  
TIES APPEARED TO BE STRENGTHENED, THAT THE DOCUMENT GAVE THE  
JAPANESE A SENSE OF GREATER IMPORTANCE ON THE WORLD SCENE,  
AND THAT THE MAJOR ITEMS DISCUSSED BY THE TWO LEADERS WERE  
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NUCLEAR PROBLEM WERE FOOD AND ENERGY. THE LACK OF SPECIFIC

REFERENCE TO THE NUCLEAR PROBLEM WAS QUESTIONED IN SEVERAL PAPERS. COMMENT ON THE COMING SEOUL VISIT WAS LIMITED BUT CONSIDERABLE SPACE WAS GIVEN TO SPECULATION ON THE VLADIVOSTOK SUMMIT. ON THE WHOLE, REACTION TO THE TOKYO STOP WAS FAVORABLE IN MAJOR WORLD NEWS CENTERS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITALY. END SUMMARY.

LONDON: BRITISH CORRESPONDENTS IN TOKYO TODAY REPORTED "INDICATIONS" AND "IMPRESSIONS" THEY DERIVED FROM JAPANESE AND AMERICAN SPOKESMEN AND FROM THE COMMUNIQUE CONCLUDING PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT TO JAPAN.

THE CONSERVATIVE LONDON DAILY TELEGRAPH'S STEPHEN BARBER THOUGHT THE PRESIDENT'S "INTENTION WAS CLEARLY TO GIVE THE JAPANESE A SENSE OF PARITY WITH THE AMERICANS AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO PULL THEIR WEIGHT AS THE THIRD-STRONGEST INDUSTRIAL NATION."

FAR EAST EDITOR CHARLES SMITH WROTE IN THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL TIMES THAT "WORLD ENERGY AND FOOD PROBLEMS FOLLOWED BY RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND CHINA, DOMINATED THE... U.S.-JAPAN MEETING...THIS WAS THE IMPRESSION GIVEN BY BOTH JAPANESE AND U.S. SPOKESMEN...JAPAN APPEARS TO HAVE SHOWN CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN THE KISSINGER PLAN" FOR COPING WITH THE ENERGY CRISIS AND ITS RELATED FINANCIAL PROBLEMS.

CORRESPONDENT PETER HAZELHURST OF THE TIMES OF LONDON SAID "DR. KISSINGER INDICATED THAT WHILE PRESIDENT FORD WAS LEFT WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT JAPAN HAS AGREED TO COOPERATE IN A MULTINATIONAL APPROACH TO SOLVE THE ENERGY CRISIS IN PRINCIPLE, MR. TANAKA POINTED OUT THAT JAPAN IS NOT PREPARED TO CUT BACK ON OIL IMPORTS."

THE LIBERAL MANCHESTER GUARDIAN'S TOKYO CORRESPONDENT, ROBERT WHYMANT, SAID OF THE COMMUNIQUE THAT "EVEN THE MOST SKILLED COMMUNIQUE READER WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY DIVINING FROM IT JAPAN'S RESPONSE TO U.S. CALLS FOR A UNITED STRATEGY BY MAJOR OIL CONSUMERS TO DEAL WITH THE OIL PROBLEM." HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT "JAPAN MADE CLEAR HER DISTASTE FOR ANYTHING RESEMBLING A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN MAJOR OIL CONSUMERS AND OIL PRODUCERS."

PARIS: FRENCH CORRESPONDENTS REPORTED THURSDAY THAT THE U.S. HAD PUT PRESSURE ON JAPAN TO EXPRESS AGREEMENT WITH THE ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY FOR DEALING WITH OIL AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS.

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MIDDLE-OF-THE-ROAD FIGARO'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, JACQUES JACQUET-FRANCILLON, IN TOKYO TO COVER THE PRESIDENTIAL TOUR, SAID THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE STRESSED "ENERGY AND FOOD PROBLEMS, WHICH HAVE LARGELY DOMINATED THE TWO-DAY TALKS." HE CITED THE COMMUNIQUE'S REFERENCE TO THE INTENTION OF BOTH NATIONS TO ENHANCE COOPERATION AMONG CONSUMING COUNTRIES AND DECLARED, "HENRY KISSINGER'S STYLE IS EASILY RECOGNIZABLE. THERE IS EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT IT WAS NOT WITHOUT

CONSIDERABLE EFFORT THAT HE MANAGED TO MAKE HIS JAPANESE COUNTERPARTS UNDERWRITE HIS PHILOSOPHY SO FORMALLY."

JACQUET-FRANCILLON SAID THE PRESIDENT, IN A SPEECH BROADCAST LIVE BY ALL TELEVISION NETWORKS IN JAPAN, "DIDN'T MINCE WORDS...HE DWEALT AT LENGTH ON THE ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE OF THE TWO COUNTRIES...FOR MR. FORD, THE RULES OF THE GAME ARE SIMPLE: JAPAN CAN RELY ON THE U.S. FOR ITS SECURITY; IT CAN ALSO RELY ON AMERICA FOR ITS FOOD NEEDS; BUT IN EXCHANGE WASHINGTON EXPECTS FROM TOKYO SOLIDARITY IN THE COMING DIALOGUE WITH THE OIL PRODUCERS. LATER IN THE DAY, MR. KISSINGER DID NOT HIDE FROM JOURNALISTS HIS CONVICTION THAT THIS MESSAGE HAD BEEN HEEDDED...HE PROBABLY ENJOYED BEING ABLE TO DROP SUCH REMARKS ON THE VERY EVE OF THE ARRIVAL IN TOKYO OF HIS FRENCH COLLEAGUE, JEAN SAUVAGNARGUES. HOWEVER, IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN JUST WHAT WORTH THE JAPANESE REALLY ATTACH TO SUCH DECLARATIONS OF INTENT UNDERWRITTEN IN THE EUPHORIA OF THE FIRST VISIT OF A U.S. PRESIDENT TO JAPAN."

PRO-GAULLIST FRANCE-SOIR CARRIED THE REPORT OF A CORRESPONDENT IN TOKYO THAT "FORD HAS FIRMLY MADE THE JAPANESE FALL IN LINE BY ADOPTING THE METHODS OF DR. KISSINGER WHO--AS IS WELL KNOWN HERE--HAS LITTLE PATIENCE WITH FAR EASTERN COMPLEXITIES...THE U.S. MESSAGE WAS CLEAR: JAPAN MUST STOP TRYING TO BE SIMULTANEOUSLY A VITAL PARTNER AND A RELUCTANT ALLY OF THE U.S...."

THE JAPANESE WERE NOT VERY FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD THE AMERICAN ENERGY PLAN ANNOUNCED BY DR. KISSINGER IN CHICAGO LAST WEEK. THEY HAD EVEN ANNOUNCED THAT THEY PREFERRED THE FRENCH PROPOSAL. NOW THE AMERICANS SEEM TO HAVE OVERCOME THEIR RELUCTANCE BY LINKING TOGETHER ENERGY AND FOOD COOPERATION."

ROME: STATE-CONTROLLED ITALIAN TV, ALLUDING WEDNESDAY NIGHT TO PRESIDENT FORD'S CONVERSATIONS IN JAPAN, ASSERTED THAT THE "PROBLEMS OF U.S. NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON JAPANESE TERRITORY"

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WERE NOT CLARIFIED.

A TOKYO CORRESPONDENT FOR INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE CORRIERE DELLA SERA OF MILAN WROTE THAT "FORD'S DIRECTNESS" AND "KISSINGER'S INSISTENCE THAT HE IS NOT SEEKING CONFRONTATION WITH THE OIL PRODUCERS SEEMS TO HAVE ALMOST CONVINCED THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT. PROBABLY, THE U.S. PROMISE TO CONTINUE TO SUPPLY...GRAIN WITHOUT RESTRICTION HAS CONTRIBUTED TO MODIFICATION OF THE JAPANESE POSITION."

CENTER-LEFT IL GIORNO OF MILAN SAID THAT "FORD FOUND A CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE BUT ACHIEVED LITTLE IN THE WAY OF RESULTS."

SOCIALIST PARTY AVANTI OF ROME WROTE THAT "FORD DID NOT SUCCEED IN CONVINCING THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT TO CLOSE THE GAP BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY AND THE KISSINGER ENERGY PLAN."

FINANCIAL IL TEMPO OF ROME COMMENTED ON THE VLADIVOSTOK

SUMMIT. IT SAID THAT THE "SUMMIT AGENDA IS COMPLICATED BY DIFFICULT SITUATIONS IN AREAS WHERE THE U.S. AND THE USSR ARE COMPETING FOR ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL INFLUENCE. IF PEACE IS TO BE SAFEGUARDED, AGREEMENT MUST BE REACHED AMONG THOSE IN A POSITION TO ORDER MODERATION AND IMPOSE NEGOTIATION."

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WEST GERMANY: PAPERS REPORTED THAT THE COMMUNIQUE REFLECTED "BASIC AGREEMENT." ACCOUNTS STRESSED SECRETARY KISSINGER'S STATEMENT THAT THE DISCUSSIONS WERE FRANK AND CORDIAL AND CARRIED DETAILS OF PRESIDENT FORD'S TELEVISION ADDRESS TO THE JAPANESE PEOPLE.

LEFT-CENTER SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH HEADLINED, "FORD WOOS JAPAN." IT SAID THE PRESIDENT AND MR. KISSINGER HAD USED EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERSCORE THE "INTENSIVE AND TRUSTFUL" RELATIONS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES. IT DECLARED THAT THE COMMUNIQUE AND THE STATEMENTS BY MR. KISSINGER AND MR. KIMURA INDICATED THAT

THE TWO SIDES HAD DRAWN "SUBSTANTIALLY CLOSER" ON PROMOTING SOLIDARITY OF OIL-CONSUMING COUNTRIES, SO THAT "ONE MAY SPEAK OF BASIC AGREEMENT."

BONN'S GENERAL-ANZEIGER AND OTHERS RAN WIRE STORIES SAYING THE COMMUNIQUE REFLECTED AGREEMENT TO COOPERATE WITH OTHER INDUSTRIAL NATIONS TO PREVENT WORLD-WIDE ECONOMIC DEPRESSION.

PRO-CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC MUENCHNER MERKUR ASSERTED THAT "IN HIS FIRST PERSONALLY UNDERTAKEN MISSION ABROAD...GERALD FORD HAS NOT DONE BADLY...HIS VISIT TO JAPAN CREATED THE UNCLASSIFIED

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IMPRESSION THAT HE BROKE NO PORCELAIN BUT, ON THE CONTRARY, COLLECTED SOME PLUS POINTS. HIS STRAIGHTFORWARDNESS, HIS CLEAR LINE, SEEM TO HAVE GONE OVER WELL IN TOKYO. FORD'S ACCOMPLISHMENT--CONSIDERING JAPAN'S STATUS--SERVES INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING FAR BEYOND THE TOKYO-WASHINGTON RELATIONSHIP ALONE. HOW TOKYO AND WASHINGTON IMPLEMENT THEIR WORDS WILL DETERMINE WHETHER KISSINGER'S OPTIMISM ABOUT A NEW ERA OF PARTNERSHIP WAS JUSTIFIED."

RIGHT-CENTER FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE REMARKED THAT "IT WAS NOT TO BE EXPECTED THAT THE TANAKA-FORD COMMUNIQUE WOULD SAY ANYTHING SENSATIONAL... STILL, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT ALL TICKLISH THEMES WERE LEFT UNMENTIONED...NOW TOKYO HAS PROMISED CLOSER TEAM WORK, BUT THE FUTURE WILL SHOW HOW THAT WILL LOOK IN PRACTICE."

QUESTIONS ABOUT NUCLEAR SECURITY WERE RAISED BY PRO-CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC WEEKLY RHEINISCHER MERKUR. IT ASKED: "SHOULD THE U.S. KEEP SHOULDERING MOST OF THE BURDEN OF JAPAN'S DEFENSE? IS CREDIBLE ATOMIC PROTECTION AT ALL POSSIBLE IF ATOMIC WEAPONS ARE NOT EVEN SUPPOSED TO BE CARRIED BY U.S. SHIPS VISITING JAPANESE PORTS? TO WHAT DEGREE SHOULD TOKYO TAKE OVER, ON ITS OWN, MAINTENANCE OF PEACE IN THE STRATEGICALLY MOST IMPORTANT NORTH PACIFIC SECTORS?..."

TOKYO: JAPANESE MEDIA ANALYSED THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE AND COMMENTED ON DIFFICULTIES POSED BY JAPANESE RECOGNITION OF THE U.S. POSITION ON ENERGY AND RESOURCES. PUBLICLY FINANCED NHK TELEVISION STATED THURSDAY: "THE ENERGY AND RESOURCES PROBLEM ARE EMPHASIZED IN THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE, WITH THE JAPANESE SIDE COMPLETELY RECOGNIZING THE U.S. STAND ON THESE PROBLEMS ALTHOUGH NO CONCRETE POLICIES WERE MENTIONED." OBSERVING THAT THE COMMUNIQUE MADE NO MENTION OF THE NUCLEAR PROBLEM WHICH HAD BEEN RAISED BY THE LAROCQUE TESTIMONY, THE NETWORK SAID JAPANESE OPPOSITION PARTIES ARE EXPECTED TO LAUNCH A STRONG ATTACK ON THE COMMUNIQUE.

A NETWORK COMMENTATOR SAID THAT "JAPAN WILL BE PLACED IN A DIFFICULT POSITION IN ITS RESOURCES DIPLOMACY BECAUSE IT BASICALLY ACCEPTED THE U.S. OIL STRATEGY...(IT) WILL BE CAUGHT BETWEEN EUROPE, WHICH HAS NOT AGREED WITH THE U.S. POLICY, AND THE ARAB OIL PRODUCERS."

INDEPENDENT LIBERAL ASAHI THURSDAY NOTED THAT "THERE ARE AREAS OF AGREEMENT AS WELL AS CONFRONTATION OF INTERESTS BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF THE U.S. AND JAPAN. THE U.S. IS IN A UNCLASSIFIED

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STRONGER POSITION THAN JAPAN ON MILITARY POWER, ENERGY RESOURCES AND FOOD AND THE JAPANESE PEOPLE HAVE FELT THE CONTENTIONS OF THE MORE POWERFUL U.S. DIPLOMACY MANY TIMES IN THE PAST... THE JAPANESE SIDE HAS OPPOSED AND RESISTED THESE CONTENTIONS AND WILL EXPRESS ITS VIEWS FRANKLY IN CASE OF DIFFERING POSITIONS." THE PAPER POINTED OUT THAT "THE NUCLEAR PROBLEM WAS DISCUSSED AS A SUPPLEMENT TO THE U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY TOPIC," ADDING, "THIS HAS BECOME A MAJOR OBSTACLE TOWARD REMOVING THE NUCLEAR SUSPICION OF THE JAPANESE PEOPLE."

INDEPENDENT MODERATE YOMIURI SAID THURSDAY, "WE GAINED THE IMPRESSION FROM READING THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE THAT THE ENERGY STRATEGY OF THE U.S. AND JAPAN IS BASICALLY THE SAME IN SPIRIT...WE WISH TO ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO THE PART IN THE COMMUNIQUE WHICH EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF STABLE SUPPLIES OF ENERGY AT REASONABLE PRICES."

SEOUL: SOUTH KOREAN PAPERS TODAY RAN A WIRE SERVICE REPORT THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER SAID, "WE ARE NOT GOING TO KOREA TO DISCUSS A REDUCTION OF FORCES MUCH LESS ANNOUNCE SUCH A REDUCTION." CONSERVATIVE DONGA ILBO SAID THURSDAY IT WOULD VIEW THE FAR EAST TRIP AS SUCCESSFUL IF MR. FORD COULD "FIND A CLUE TO SYSTEMATIZING SECURITY AND PEACE FOR THE KOREAN PENINSULA THROUGH THIS TRIP," WHILE SEMIOFFICIAL KYUNGHYANG SHINMUN DECLARED, "WE WANT PRESIDENT FORD TO UNDERSTAND CORRECTLY THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE PRESENT SITUATION NOW FACING THE ROK."

OFFICIAL SEOUL SHINMUN STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE U.S. ROLE IN RESTRAINING "WAR-LOVING" NORTH KOREA THROUGH DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS AMONG THE FOUR BIG POWERS AND STATED "THE NORTHEAST ASIAN PEACE STRUCTURE CANNOT BE ACHIEVED WITHOUT

PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA."

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BANGKOK: INDEPENDENT CHUNG HUA JIT PAO SAID THURSDAY, "WE ARE NOT SURPRISED THAT NO MAJOR DIPLOMATIC AGREEMENTS HAVE COME FROM THE FORD-TANAKA MEETING. BUT MR. FORD'S JAPAN VISIT DID HAVE DEFINITE SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE SOVIET UNION IN THAT BY FIRING UP RELATIONS WITH TOKYO UNDER THE JAPANESE-AMERICAN SECURITY TREATY, WASHINGTON HAS EMPHASIZED AN IMPORTANT AND PERMANENT ELEMENT FOR IMPROVING PEACE AND STABILITY IN ASIA."

INDEPENDENT HSING HSIAO JIT PAO MENTIONED THAT PRESIDENT FORD'S "DETERMINATION TO GO THROUGH WITH HIS JAPAN TRIP DES-  
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WILL BRING UNFAVORABLE REACTIONS FROM THE JAPANESE PEOPLE SPEAKS OF THE IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS. THE VISIT IS ALSO A CLEAR EXPRESSION OF U.S. DETERMINATION TO MAINTAIN ITS POSITION AND INTERESTS IN ASIA."

HONG KONG: THE PRO-TAIWAN EXPRESS WROTE, "NOW FORD IS HURRYING TO RUSSIA'S MAJOR MILITARY BASE, VLADIVOSTOK, AT CHINA'S BORDER TO MEET BREZHNEV FOR A SECRET TALK. WHATEVER MAY BE DISCLOSED IN THEIR JOINT COMMUNIQUE, THE MEETING WILL CERTAINLY AROUSE SUSPICION IN PEKING. THIS IS THE REASON THAT FORD CHOSE SUCH A TIME AND SUCH A PLACE TO MEET BREZHNEV. KISSINGER'S PEKING TRIP AFTER THE VLADIVOSTOK SUMMIT WILL ALSO AROUSE RUSSIA'S SUSPICION, AND IF A JOINT COMMUNIQUE AFTER TALKS IN PEKING DISCLOSES FORD'S PLAN TO VISIT CHINA, THESE SUSPICIONS WILL BE EVEN GREATER."

KUALA LUMPUR: NATIONALISTIC BERITA HARIAN SAID THURSDAY THAT THE COMING MEETING BETWEEN MR. FORD AND MR. BREZHNEV "IS IMPORTANT TO WORLD PEACE" BECAUSE "BOTH WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW ARE INVOLVED IN THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS AND ANY NEW FLARE-UP OF THE SITUATION WOULD ALSO INVOLVE THEM. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE ISSUE WILL BE RAISED AT THE MEETING AND ANY DECISION TAKEN WILL HAVE ITS EFFECTS ON THE MIDDLE EAST BECAUSE BOTH COUNTRIES ARE SOURCES OF ARMS SUPPLY TO THE AREA."

CANBERRA: THE INDEPENDENT CANBERRA TIMES JUDGED THAT "THE VISITS OF PRESIDENT FORD TO TOKYO AND VLADIVOSTOK, WITH A STOP IN SEOUL PRESUMABLY DICTATED BY DIPLOMATIC COURTESY, ARE NOT A FUTILE EXERCISE EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE PLENTY OF JARRING NOTES IN THE U.S. AND IN JAPAN." AS FOR THE VLADIVOSTOK STAY, THE PAPER STATED THAT IT "WILL BE TAKEN AS A COMMITMENT TO KEEP OPEN THE CHANNELS THROUGH WHICH THE LONG HERALDED DETENTE IS EXPECTED TO MATERIALIZE."

THE CONSERVATIVE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD WROTE THAT MR. FORD'S VISIT TO SOUTH KOREA "IS A REMINDER THAT, DESPITE THE NIXON DOCTRINE, DESPITE THE WITHDRAWAL FROM INDOCHINA, THE U.S. STILL HAS A MILITARY COMMITMENT AND A CONSIDERABLE MILITARY FORCE ON THE MAINLAND OF ASIA...IT IS THIS COMMITMENT

AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE U.S. WHICH MAKE SENSE OF MR. FORD'S VISIT, ESPECIALLY AT A TIME WHEN COMMUNIST NORTH KOREA (WITH AN EYE TO THE IMMINENT DEBATE ON THE SUBJECT IN UNGA) IS MOUNTING A WORLD-WIDE PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AIMED AT FORCING AN AMERICAN WITHDRAWAL."

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NIAMEY: LE SAHEL, NIGER'S SOLE DAILY NEWSPAPER, THURSDAY CARRIED MAJOR PORTIONS OF THE U.S.-JAPANESE COMMUNIQUE ON ITS INTERNATIONAL NEWS PAGE.

NIGERIA: RADIO KADUNA ON WEDNESDAY BORADCAST A COMMENTARY ON THE FORD TRIP IN WHICH IT STATED, "ON THE WHOLE, THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT'S VISIT IS SEEN BY OBSERVERS AS UNLIKELY TO BRING ABOUT ANY CHANGE FOR THE GOOD WITH THE PRESENT CRITICAL MILITARY AND ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE WORLD TODAY."

PANAMA CITY: THE INDEPENDENT LA ESTRELLA OF PANAMA CITY DID NOT BELIEVE YESTERDAY THAT THE VLADIVOSTOK SUMMIT WOULD SOLVE "ALL THE PROBLEMS THAT MAN IS HEIR TO" BUT THE "KREMLIN COULD GIVE UP ITS PLAN TO FOMENT SUBVERSION AND EXTEND ITS DOMINION OVER OTHER COUNTRIES...AND DECIDE TO MAINTAIN A PROGRAM OF COOPERATION WITH THE FREE NATIONS OF THE WEST IN GOOD FAITH..."

BUENOS AIRES: LEFT-INTELLECTUAL LA OPINION THURSDAY CARRIED A TOKYO REPORT THAT "IT IS EVIDENT THAT FORD IS STILL NOT ABLE TO CONVINCE THE BELEAGUERED TANAKA OF THE NEED THAT JAPAN SUPPORT KISSINGER'S HARD LINE AGAINST OIL-EXPORTING COUNTRIES."

ALL THE SOVIET CENTRAL PRESS AND MOST PAPERS IN EAST EUROPEAN CAPITALS CARRIED A TALL REPORT OF MR. BREZHNEV'S DEPARTURE FOR VLADIVOSTOK FOR "A WORKING MEETING" AND "AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS" WITH PRESIDENT FORD.

SOVIET AND EAST EUROPEAN MEDIA CONTINUED TO REFLECT THE OFFICIAL MOSCOW VIEW THAT "UNDOUBTEDLY THE COMING SOVIET-AMERICAN SUMMIT WILL PROVE SIGNIFICANT" (RADIO MOSCOW ENGLISH SERVICE WEDNESDAY).

WEDNESDAY'S ISSUE OF LITERATURNAYA GAZYETA CARRIED A MAJOR ARTICLE BY A WRITER IN WASHINGTON CITING AMERICANS, INCLUDING OFFICIALS OF THE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEES, AS WELCOMING IMPROVEMENT IN U.S.-USSR RELATIONS AND PROSPECTS FOR IMPROVED TRADE RELATIONS.

PRAGUE'S RUDE PRAVO CARRIED A DISPATCH BY ITS MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT IN WHICH HE REMARKED, "IT WOULD COME AS NO SURPRISE IF THE VLADIVOSTOK AGENDA INCLUDED THE PROBLEM OF EXCLUDING CHEMICAL WEAPONS FROM THE ARSENALS OF BOTH COUNTRIES." LIDOVA DEMODRACI TODAY OBSERVED THAT THE DECISION TO MEET "SHOWS THAT BOTH STATES ARE RESOLVED TO CONTINUE THE POLICY OF DETENTE." IT THEN QUOTED A TASS COMMENTATOR DENOUNCING SENATOR WILLIAM BUCKLEY, WHOSE VOICE, HE SAID, "HAS LATELY UNCLASSIFIED

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RESOUNDED PROMINENTLY IN THE CACAPHONIC BUT PIERCING CHOIR OF ADVERSARIES OF DETENTE."

SOVIET AND EAST EUROPEAN MEDIA HAVE GIVEN THE PRESIDENT'S TOKYO VISIT LITTLE SPACE. SEVERAL THURSDAY PAPERS REPORTED THAT THE TALKS "CONCLUDED WITHOUT CONCRETE RESULTS AND LEFT PROBLEMS HANGING FIRE" (BULGARIAN TELEGRAPH AGENCY).

POLITIKA OF BELGRADE THURSDAY CARRIED A PRE-SUMMIT PIECE BY ITS MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT REPORTING "AN EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD MOOD" PREVALENT IN THE SOVIET CAPITAL "DESPITE MANY UNPLEASANT THINGS OCCURRING" IN THE MIDDLE EAST. HE SAID THE SOVIETS WERE CREATING AN EXTREMELY FAVORABLE ATMOSPHERE FOR THE VLADIVOSTOK MEETING WITH "LIGHTNING PUBLICITY" FOR STATEMENTS BY PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER AND OPTIMISTIC SOVIET VIEWS ON TRADE MATTERS. HE SAW "A NEW ELEMENT" FOR THE SUMMIT IN THE EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT THAT MR. BREZHNEV WOULD VISIT SYRIA IN JANUARY, BUT SPECULATED THAT THE MOVE WAS ALSO DESIGNED TO ASSURE THE AMERICANS THAT THE SOVIETS ARE "KEEPING WATCH" OVER AN UNSTABLE PEACE.

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